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Alumni associations

As a Commonwealth Alumnus, we encourage you to join a local alumni association in your home country, or in the country in which you are currently living or working.

Our alumni associations are coordinated by alumni volunteers who are responsible for organising a range of local events and activities which encourage networking and ongoing professional development. In certain countries, alumni associations are supported by the British Council (on behalf of the CSC), which assists in establishing and strengthening these groups.

All CSC alumni events are advertised on our [Calendar](#). If you do not receive an invite to an event happening near you, please contact us at alumni@cscuk.org.uk

Each alumni association is different, from the types of events they organise to their membership requirements. A list of current alumni associations and contact information can be found below.

The CSC is not responsible for the content of external sites or the operation of alumni associations.

Call for volunteers

If your country is not listed below, then an alumni association has not yet been set up. If you are interested in volunteering to coordinate an association, or organising a local event to re-connect with fellow alumni, please get in touch with us at alumni@cscuk.org.uk

Bangladesh

Barbados

Cameroon

Canada

Dominica

Ghana

Gibraltar

Guyana

India

Jamaica

Kenya

Lesotho

Malawi

Malaysia

Mauritius

Namibia

Nigeria

Pakistan

Rwanda

St Lucia

Sierra Leone

Sri Lanka

Tanzania

Trinidad and Tobago

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Common Knowledge

Common Knowledge is the CSC's magazine for the Commonwealth Scholarships community. It showcases the work and impact of current and former Commonwealth Scholars and Fellows, as well as featuring news, events, and alumni updates.

The magazine is published twice a year, and is also available online – click the links below to download or view an issue.

Issue #9 – March 2020 | [Download](#)

Issue #8 – September 2019 | [View online](#) | [Download](#)

Issue #7 – March 2019 | [View online](#) | [Download](#)

Issue #6 – August 2018 | [View online](#) | [Download](#)

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Issue #3 – December 2016 | [View online](#) | [Download](#)

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Prior to December 2015, the CSC published *Commonwealth Scholarships News* magazine – [archive](#)



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STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships 2020-21

March 17, 2020

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Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships enable talented and motivated individuals to gain the knowledge and skills required for sustainable development, and are aimed at those unable to study in the UK for financial and other reasons.

Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships are offered for citizens of certain developing Commonwealth countries. These scholarships are funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID), with the aim of contributing to the UK's international development aims and wider overseas interests, supporting excellence in UK higher education, and sustaining the principles of the Commonwealth.

Scholarships are offered under six themes:

- Science and technology for development
- Strengthening health systems and capacity
- Promoting global prosperity
- Strengthening global peace, security and governance
- Strengthening resilience and response to crises
- Access, inclusion and opportunity

Location:

Online

Benefits

Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships provide

- Full cost of tuition fees
- Full residential and other compulsory costs of studying a UK Master's course by distance learning

For further information, please visit the official link.

Eligibilities

To be eligible for a Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarship, candidates should:

- Be a citizen of or have been granted refugee status by an eligible Commonwealth country, or be a British Protected Person

- Be permanently resident in a developing Commonwealth country
- Hold a first degree of at least upper second class (2:1) standard. A lower qualification and sufficient relevant experience may be considered in certain cases.
- Be unable to afford to study the programme without this scholarship.
- The CSC aims to identify talented individuals who have the potential to make change.

Eligible Regions: Bangladesh, Cameroon, Eswatini, The Gambia, Ghana, Guyana, India, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia

APPLICATION PROCESS

Apply through the given Apply Now link.

In order to apply following conditions must be maintained:

- You should apply to study one of the taught Master's courses offered under the Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarship scheme. For full list of eligible courses visit the Official Link
- Applications must be made through your chosen university
- When submitting application, you must hold an offer to your chosen course in the 2018-2019 academic year
- You must also provide the details of at least one referee in your application
- You must make your application using the CSC's application system
- You can apply for more than one course and/or to more than one university, but you may only accept one offer of a Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarship

Application Deadline: April 13, 2020 (27 Days Remaining)

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Development Training Programme 2019-2020

Background

Development Training is a key part of the Commonwealth Scholarship award. The CSC aims to equip Commonwealth Scholars with the skills to effect real development impact on their return home, as well as to create a community of motivated Commonwealth Scholars through an extensive programme of training and networking.

CSC Virtual Engagement Programme

With the unfolding Covid-19 crisis in the UK, the CSC took the decision in mid-March to cancel all planned face to face events for the rest of the academic year to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our Scholars and staff involved in delivering these events, and to comply with Government guidance. Since then we have been looking into alternative ways of ensuring Scholars and alumni can continue to network and engage with each other through our events and training, and therefore we are pleased to announce the start of our Virtual Engagement Programme of events, activities and training for 2020.

Our first virtual site visit chats took place in May with Scholars based at Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and the University of Liverpool. We have also hosted virtual site visits with Scholars based in Wales, Bath, London and Leeds.

With further virtual site visits planned in June and July, we hope you will be able to join CSC staff and fellow Scholars at one of these informal meetups soon. Please see the list of proposed virtual site visits below.

Queen's University Belfast – 3 June

University of East Anglia – 5 June

SOAS, University of London – 9 June

Cranfield University – 10 June

University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University and University of Salford – 11 June

University of Central Lancashire – 16 June

Kings College, University of London – 17 June

University of Warwick – 25 June

Keele University – 2 July

London School of Economics and Birkbeck College, University of London – 6 July

On Monday 4 May we launched the ‘Understanding Development Impact’ training on FutureLearn. All Scholars are warmly invited to participate in this training which we hope will inspire your development ambitions and enable you to forge invaluable connections with other Scholars. If you have not yet received your invitation email from FutureLearn, please email engage@cscuk.org.uk.

In the coming weeks we will also be offering further virtual development training opportunities in collaboration with our educational providers. Please visit to the [CSC Events Calendar](#) web page to find out more about these upcoming training opportunities.

In the meantime, if you wish to let us know how COVID-19 has changed your research arrangements, or how you have been involved in the fight to tackle COVID-19, we would be very glad to hear from you. Please email engage@cscuk.org.uk for any interesting stories you would like to share.

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Meet our Alumni Advisory Panel

Professor Lynne Pepall, 1976 Scholar from Canada, PhD Economics, University of Cambridge

Professor Callistus W. Baliddawa, 1980 Scholar from Uganda, PhD Applied Entomology, Imperial College London

Professor Mark J Obwolo, 1982 Academic Fellow from Uganda, Veterinary Pathology, University of Liverpool

Roshan T Ramessur, 1985 Scholar from Mauritius, BSc Chemistry, Bangor University

Associate Professor Louise Ravelli, 1987 Scholar from Australia, PhD Linguistics, University of Birmingham

Professor Nandini Ramanujam, 1990 Scholar from India, DPhil Economics, University of Oxford

Dr Himmat Singh Ratnoo, 1990 Scholar from India, PhD Economics, University College London

Dr Mark Levick, 1994 Scholar from Australia, PhD Vaccine Development, University of Cambridge

Professor M. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury, 1997 Scholar from Bangladesh, PhD Banking and Finance, University of Stirling

Dr Kathiresan Ramanathan, 1997 Academic Fellow, Weed Science, University of Bristol

Shephard Ndlovu, 1997 Scholar from Zimbabwe, BSc Fire Safety, University of Central Lancashire

Dr Tushar Ghosh, 1998 Scholar from India, PhD Microwave Engineering, Lancaster University

Karen Moore, 1998 Scholar from Canada, MSc Development Studies, University of Bath

Dr Shivakumara Swamy Siddaramappa, 1998 Scholar from India, MSc Veterinary Microbiology, Royal Veterinary College

Professor Upali S. Amarasinghe, 1999 Academic Fellow from Sri Lanka, Fisheries Biology, Imperial College London

Dr Kitiabi Kit Reginah, 1999 Scholar from Kenya, PhD Privatization and Entrepreneurship, Durham University

Dr Milika Sobey, 2000 Scholar from Fiji, PhD Nitrogen Cycling in Tropical Lagoons, University of Essex

Professor Biswas Farhana Karabi, 2001 Scholar from Bangladesh, PhD Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia

Professor Abdullah Al Faruque, 2001 Scholar from Bangladesh, PhD Energy Law, University of Dundee; 2009 Academic Fellow

Dr Haseeb Md. Irfanullah, 2001 Scholar from Bangladesh, PhD Applied Ecology, University of Liverpool

Dr Thelma K. Tlhaselo-Majela, 2001 Scholar from Botswana, PhD Counselling, University of Surrey

Ram Niwas Arya, 2002 Shared Scholar from India, MPhil Development, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex

Professor Vijith Samantha Jayamanne, 2002 Scholar from Sri Lanka, PhD Food Microbiology, University of Surrey; 2015 Academic Fellow

Samuel M. Imathi, 2003 Shared Scholar from Kenya, MSc Food Science and Microbiology, University of Strathclyde

Emmanuel Akpabio, 2004 Split-Site Scholar from Nigeria, PhD Environmental & Resource Management, Lancaster University and University of Uyo

Dr Francis Kemausuor, 2005 Shared Scholar from Ghana, MPhil Engineering for Sustainable Development, University of Cambridge

Olusola Oluwasina Babalola, 2006 Scholar from Nigeria, MSc Telecommunications, University College London

Dr Muhammad Imran Majid, 2006 Scholar from Pakistan, PhD Electronic Engineering, University of Surrey; 2017 Academic Fellow

Dr Kavita Raja, 2006 Professional Fellow, Public Health, Health Protection Agency (North East)

Professor Fati Astapawa Adamu, 2007 Split-Site Scholar from Nigeria, PhD Agricultural Engineering, Cranfield University and Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University of Technology

Professor Margaret Akpomi, 2007 Academic Fellow from Nigeria, Business/Entrepreneurship Education, University of Reading

Hamis Mugendawala, 2007 Distance Learning Scholar from Uganda, MA International Education and Development, UCL Institute of Education

Dr Emmanuel Dugan, 2008 Scholar from Ghana, PhD Soil Science, University of Reading; 2016 Academic Fellow

Mary Mwogeza, 2008 Scholar from Uganda, MSc New and Renewable Energy, Durham University

R M Faizur Rahman, 2008 Scholar from Bangladesh, MA Migration Studies, University of Sussex

Professor Rishi Kumar Bali, 2009 Scholar from India, Medic Training Infection Control, Imperial College London

Etsula Olive, 2009 Shared Scholar from Kenya, MSc Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Cranfield University

Dr Wilma S. Nchito, 2009 Distance Learning Scholar from Zambia, MSc Water and Environmental Management

Dr Judith Kabajulizi, 2010 Scholar from Uganda, PhD Public Health and Policy, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Daniel J. Kirui, 2010 Distance Learning Scholar from Kenya, MSc Development Management, The Open University

Dr Arnold D. Okoni-Williams, 2010 Split-site Scholar from Sierra Leone, PhD Conservation Ecology, Lancaster University and University of Sierra Leone

Dr Blessing Oyedemi, 2010 Scholar from Nigeria, PhD Pharmacognosy, UCL School of Pharmacy; 2017 Academic Fellow, University of Nottingham

Andrew Ssemata, 2010 Shared Scholar, MSc Psychology of Health and Illness, Aston University; 2016 Split-site Scholar

Momodou S W Sowe, 2010 Distance Learning Scholar from The Gambia, MA Public Policy and Management, University of York

Harold Thomas, 2010 Distance Learning Scholar from Sierra Leone, MSc Public Health, Leeds Beckett University

Dr Chee Peng, Hor, 2011 Distance Learning Scholar from Malaysia, MSc Global Health, University of

Edinburgh

Dacia Latoya Leslie, 2011 Scholar from Jamaica, PhD Criminology, Cardiff University

Glory E. Mbah, 2011 Scholar from Cameroon, MSc Drug Discovery, UCL School of Pharmacy

Jacob B. Omajali, 2011 Scholar from Nigeria, PhD Augmenting Oil Bioremediation, University of Birmingham

Dr Amrita Saha, 2011 Scholar from India, DPhil Economics, University of Sussex

Dr Saima Eman, 2012 Scholar from Pakistan, PhD Psychology, University of Sheffield

Associate Professor Md Rashedul Islam, 2012 Shared Scholar from Bangladesh, MSc Biotechnology, University of the West of Scotland

Mariam Malik, 2012 Shared Scholar from Pakistan, MPhil Engineering for Sustainable Development, University of Cambridge

Dr Viola Nilah Nyakato, 2012 Split-site Scholar from Uganda, PhD Development Studies, University of East Anglia and Mbarara University of Science and Technology

Monira Rahman, 2012 Professional Fellow from Bangladesh, Acid Survivors Trust

Dr Bushra Rashid, 2012 Academic Fellow from Pakistan, Plant Biology, University of Edinburgh

Dr S M Shameem Reza, 2012 Scholar from Bangladesh, PhD Media and Communication, Goldsmiths, University of London

Dayang Ratnasari Abu Bakar, 2013 Scholar from Malaysia, PhD Sustainable Energy Policy Model, University College London

Md Arafat Alam, 2013 Shared Scholar from Bangladesh, MSc Sustainable Development, University of Exeter

Fredrick Otieno Kamonde, 2013 Professional Fellow from Kenya, Climate Change, University of Edinburgh

Patience Kerubo Kiyuka, 2013 Distance Learning Scholar from Kenya, MSc Infectious Diseases, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Susan Chinangwa Manyetera, 2013 Scholar from Malawi, MA International Educational Management, University of Leeds

Anna Mohase, 2013 Distance Learning Scholar from Guyana, MSc Tropical Forestry, Bangor University

Dr Ria Mukherjee, 2013 Professional Fellow from India, University of Birmingham

Muhammad Umar Mukhtar, 2013 Scholar, MSc Renewable and Clean Technology, University of Manchester

Siphiwo Ngeni, 2013 Professional Fellow from South Africa, Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation

Anthony Kennedy Nzuki, 2013 Distance Learning Scholar from Kenya, MSc Development Management, The Open University

Peter Opio Ocheng, 2013 Professional Fellow, University of Birmingham

Dr Francis Otto, 2013 Scholar from Uganda, PhD Learning Technologies, University of Reading

Alpha U. Bah, 2014 Scholar from Sierra Leone, MSc Petroleum, Energy Economics and Finance, University of Aberdeen

Audra Bolton, 2014 Shared Scholar from Jamaica, MSc Family and Child Psychology, University of Chester

Afolabi Julius Fajemilo, 2014 Professional Fellow, Public Health, SHINE

Nabiha Khan, 2014 Shared Scholar, MSc Engineering and Management, University of Exeter

Angela Mumo, 2014 Distance Learning Scholar, MA Education, Health Promotion and International Development, UCL Institute of Education

David McChembere, 2014 Scholar from Kenya, MSc Investment and Financial Management, University of East Anglia

Onyegecha N. Ofurum, 2014 Distance Learning Scholar from Nigeria, MSc Education for Sustainability, London South Bank University

Rotimi Samuel Owolabi, 2014 Scholar from Nigeria, PhD Tropical Medicine, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

Dr Agrima Raina, 2014 Shared Scholar from India, MSc Public Health, University of Bedfordshire

Leticia Roruanu Taimo, 2014 Scholar from Mozambique, MSc Development Studies, SOAS, University of London

Abdul-Majeed Ahmed, 2015 Scholar from Ghana, MSc Health Economics & Health Policy, University of Birmingham

Samuel Frimpong Amoako, 2015 Shared Scholar from Ghana, MA Special and Inclusive Education, University of Roehampton

Yvonne Chigumira, 2015 Shared Scholar from Zimbabwe, MBA Healthcare Administration, Anglia Ruskin University

Alphart Lungu, 2015 Scholar from Zambia, MSc Economics and Business, University of Hull

Alex Uchenna Nwoko, 2015 Shared Scholar from Nigeria, MSc Risk and Environmental Hazards, Durham University

Nicholas Okot, 2015 Scholar from Uganda, PhD Evaluation of Monetary Policy Trade-Offs in Uganda, University of Leicester

Professor Victor O. Oladokun, 2015 Academic Fellow from Nigeria, Emergency and Disaster Management, Birmingham City University

Dr Olugbemi Olukolade, 2015 Professional Fellow from Nigeria, Public Health, Education, The Meriden Family Programme

Ayomide Oluseye, 2015 Shared Scholar from Nigeria, MSc Public Health, Bournemouth University

Rachael Ngozi Osagie, 2015 Academic Fellow, Antibiotic Resistance, University of Birmingham

Simone Walker-McFarlane, 2015 Shared Scholar from Jamaica, LLM International Law and Sustainable Development, University of Strathclyde

Emaediong Emmanuel Uko, 2015 Scholar from Nigeria, MSc Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security, Lancaster University

Dr Enowntai Nkongho Ayukotang, 2016 Scholar from Cameroon, MSc Public Health for Eye Care, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Tukiya Kanguya, 2016 Scholar from Zambia, MSc Public Health, University of Southampton

Dumezweni Mbongeni Khumalo, 2016 Scholar from Eswatini, MSc Public and Environmental Health Sciences, University of Birmingham

Dr Chidinma C. Obieze, 2016 Shared Scholar from Nigeria, MSc Transfusion and Transplantation Sciences, University of Bristol

Stephen Adombire, 2017 Shared Scholar from Ghana, MSc Clinical Nursing, King's College London

Cherisse Francis, 2017 Scholar from Barbados, LLM Human Rights and Criminal Justice, University of Aberdeen

Deepa Kylasam Iyer, 2017 Shared Scholar, MPhil Development Studies, University of Cambridge

Mercy Ebere Ndubueze-Ogaraku, 2017 Academic Fellow from Nigeria, Agricultural Economics, Cranfield University

Farah Naureen Samuel, 2017 Shared Scholar from Pakistan, MSc Energy and Society, Durham University

Dr Blessing Oyedemi, 2017 Academic Fellow from Nigeria, Pharmacognosy, University of Nottingham

James Wasagami, 2017 Professional Fellow from Uganda, University of Liverpool

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Meet our Knowledge Hub Coordinators

Achieving sustainable agriculture and rural development

Ghazala Rauf Butt



Ghazala Rauf completed her bachelor's in Agriculture Sciences at the University of Punjab, Pakistan with a specialisation in plant pathology. She has worked as an intern in the National Agriculture Research Center of Pakistan and in the Mobile Agriculture Department of the multinational telecom giant, Telenor.

For over a year she has been part of the Knowles Educational and Charitable trust for



International Leadership as an international colleague. Ghazala Rauf feels it is a true privilege to be in the UK as a Commonwealth Scholar and looks forward to being part of the team of Knowledge Hub Coordinators, working to promote global sustainability and improved research.

Ghazala is a 2019 Shared Scholar from Pakistan, studying for an MSc Food Security at the University of Glasgow.

Diana Lynette Adhiambo Onyango



Diana is a veterinary doctor and projects/programs management specialist. She has worked in animal health, agriculture, and food security sectors with both private organisations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the horn of Africa.

She completed her undergraduate degree in Veterinary Medicine at the University of Nairobi. Diana's interest is in rural development, particularly with pastoral and agro-pastoral communities in Africa. She is currently working as a Regional Project Manager with international NGO, Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Suisse, based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

As the Knowledge Hub Coordinator (Alumni) of the sustainable agriculture and rural development hub, Diana looks forward to sharing and learning more on how research can feed into the development of rural areas in Africa.

Diana is a 2011 Distance Learning Scholar from Kenya. She completed an MSc Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health at the Royal Veterinary College.

Attaining sustainable economic growth

Sakshi Bathla



After completing a B.Com (Hons) from Hansraj College and a post-graduate degree in Commerce from Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Sakshi briefly worked as an audit analyst with Deloitte & Touché before making her move into the world of research and enrolling with the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IITR), India. She has interned with Teach for India and National Human Rights Commission, Government of India.

Sakshi's research interests lie in sustainable financial reporting under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) / International Accounting Standards (IAS) and its implementation in the emerging economies.

As the Knowledge Hub Coordinator (Scholar) of the attaining sustainable economic growth hub, she looks forward to sharing and learning more about this area through research.

Sakshi is a 2019 Commonwealth Scholar from India, studying for a PhD in Accounting and Finance at Sheffield Hallam University.

Achieving inclusive education

Deepa Kyaslam Iyer



Deepa was awarded the Indian President's gold medal for the highest CGPA in Master of Public Policy course from National Law School of India University, Bangalore. She has worked extensively across projects in international development. She worked with the South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE) as a research officer where she co-edited the triennial poverty report. She was the founding research director of the Cambridge Development Initiative (CDI) at the University of Cambridge, which supports education, health, entrepreneurship, and WASH projects in Tanzania. Her current academic research examines the issues of equity and access to rights and resources by marginalised communities through the framework of citizenship.

As the Knowledge Hub Coordinator (Alumni) of the inclusive education group, Deepa aims to facilitate engagement between alumni and Scholars through discussions and debates on issues of equity and access to education, and highlight opportunities

alumni and Scholars through discussions and debates on issues of equity and access to education, and highlight opportunities amongst members.

Deepa is a 2017 Shared Scholar from India. She completed an MPhil in International Development at the University of Cambridge.

Peace, justice, and fair representation for all

Raushan Tara Jaswal



Raushan completed her integrated bachelors in arts and law from Amity Law School, Delhi, IP University, with a focus in international and corporate law. After graduation, she worked with a Senior Advocate for 2 years in the area of human rights and corporate litigation. She was instrumental in espousing very important national and international human rights causes, including asylum for Rohingyas in India, dignity of the elderly, and the cause of custodial torture.

Raushan is a 2019 Shared Scholar from India, studying for an LLM Law at the University of Cambridge.

Strengthening climate change resilience and mitigation

Joan Lydia Mbeyu



After completing her BSc in Economics and Statistics from Kenyatta University, Kenya, Joan briefly worked for Kenya Airways before branching to Research and Development and ended up working as a researcher for World Agroforestry Center-ICRAF in Nairobi. It is at ICRAF where her interest in sustainable development developed. She now works towards combining business cases, environmental rationale and social logic to address the selfishness and apathy of the ones responsible of managing different ecosystems.

Joan's research interests lie in climate change adaptation and mitigation, which includes the development of mechanisms and formulation of legislative which will back up the integration of development goals and environmental imperatives. Her objective is to acquire science-based knowledge on environmental systems which will assist her to contribute adjustments to variability in climate and long-term changes through various mitigation and adaptation solutions at local, national and international levels.

Joan Lydia is a 2019 Shared Scholar from Kenya, studying for an MSc Environmental Management (Conservation), University of Stirling.

Nutifafa Geh



Nutifafa completed his BSc (Hons) in Building Technology at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Ghana. He is currently a doctoral candidate at the Central University of Technology, Free State. His research is in campus sustainability, specifically the use of solar photovoltaic in promoting green buildings at universities.

Nutifafa believes that action speaks louder than words, and that what wings are to a bird is what education is to those who receive it. For this reason, he founded T-Action Global, an organisation which awards scholarships, promotes third party scholarship opportunities, and provides support and guidance to scholarship applicants, as a means of giving back to his community.

As the Knowledge Hub Coordinator (Alumni) of the climate change resilience and mitigation hub, Nutifafa hopes to facilitate discussions and exchange ideas among Commonwealth Scholars to advance action towards addressing the causes and impacts of climate change.

Nutifafa is a 2011 Shared Scholar from Ghana. He completed an MSc Environmental Management at Liverpool Hope University.

Ensuring gender equality and equal opportunity

Monika Gupta



Monika's main areas of specialisation are gender studies, diaspora studies, and South Asian and European regions. She completed a master's in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi, India, and later completed an MPhil at the Centre for European Studies.

She has actively worked for women empowerment in her country and written various articles on gender issues. She completed training at the "Mission Sahasi- the making of the fearless" in India, a nationwide program designed to physically empower young girls and women. She also completed an internship on women centric issues through the NGO, Asha Akansha Foundation in India.

As the Knowledge Hub Coordinator (Scholar) for the ensuring gender equality and equal opportunity group, she intends to connect the Commonwealth Scholars and alumni to promote a gender balanced society. She hopes that every Scholar in their respective country aims to empower their women and promote gender equality across all dimensions.

Monika is a 2019 Split-site Scholar from India, studying for a PhD in Negotiating Identity and Empowerment: A Study of South Asian Women in the United Kingdom at SOAS, University of London and Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Enhancing science, technology, and innovation

Prachi Gautam



Prachi is a software engineer and has work experience with multinational companies, in parallel to working with non-governmental organisations for societal causes in India.

Prachi is a 2019 Shared Scholar from Bangladesh, studying for an MSc IT Security at Nottingham Trent University.

Humaira Jabeen



Humairah is an energy expert, with over 6 years of experience in the energy and FMCG sector in the technical capacity. She is currently working as an energy consultant in Pakistan.

Her more recent interests lie in assembling scalable and sustainable renewable energy solutions, distributed generation models, rural electrification, community driven development, capacity enhancement, women empowerment, and in developing an inclusive entrepreneurial eco-system in Pakistan.

Humairah is a 2014 Shared Scholar from Pakistan. She completed an MSc Renewable Energy at the University of Hull.

Increasing global health coverage

Dreck Ayebare



Dreck is a Veterinarian and project management professional from Uganda. He holds a Bachelor's of Veterinary Medicine from Makerere University and a Postgraduate Diploma in Project Planning and Management from the Uganda Management Institute.

He currently works with the Department of Animal Health in the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Resources and Fisheries (MAAIF). He has also worked with various organisations on animal and public health projects.

Dreck's research interest is in Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), and he is currently working on rabies and snakebite envenoming in Uganda.

As the Knowledge Hub Coordinator (Scholar) for the global health coverage group, he looks forward to sharing, engaging, and promoting interactive discussions for all members.

Dreck is a 2019 Distance Learning Scholar from Uganda, studying for an MSc International Animal Health at the University of Edinburgh.

Enowntai Nkongho Ayukotang



Enowntai is a successful practitioner and leader in Universal Eye Health (especially in Optometry) and holds a Doctor of Optometry (OD) Degree from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) Kumasi-Ghana. He is currently undertaking a PhD with the Epi-K Research Team at the Department of Optometry, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN) Durban-South Africa. His research is on a national survey, 'Keratoconus in Cameroon: An Assessment and Intervention Study'.

He is currently the President of the Cameroon Association of Optometrists (CAO), the Secretary General and a Board of Director, of African Council of Optometry (AFCO), a Board Director on the World Council of Optometry (WCO) Board, Representing Africa. Chairman of Public Health Committee of AFCO and member WCO Public Health Committee. Enowntai is a proactive Commonwealth Alumnus- he is a CSC Alumni Advisory Panel Member (2019-2021) and 2019 CSC Mentor.

As the Knowledge Hub Coordinator (Alumni) for the global health coverage group, Enowntai looks forward to sharing current issues on Universal Health Coverage in relation to the SDGs, research, and technology and innovation in health, as well as upcoming events and activities in global health, leading to meaningful and productive deliberations.

Enowntai is a 2016 Scholar from Cameroon. He completed an MSc Public Health for Eye Care at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

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Mentoring Programme



The CSC's Mentoring Programme connects Commonwealth Scholars and Alumni to support knowledge and

skills development and a practical understanding of how these can be implemented post-scholarship to achieve development impact.

The CSC aims to pair current Scholars with an alumnus working in a related or relevant field to their studies to provide individual advice and guidance during their studies.

Benefits of mentoring

Mentees will have the opportunity to:

- Gain academic support from an experienced alumnus working in a related or relevant field to their chosen subject
- Understand how the skills gained during a Commonwealth Scholarship can be implemented to support development impact in their home country
- Seek advice and support on living and studying in the UK
- Feel connected to the expertise available through the CSC Alumni community

Mentors will have the opportunity to:

- Share their expertise and experience to support Scholars in gaining appropriate skills and knowledge to achieve development impact in their home country
- Work with and learn from Scholars as part of their knowledge and skills development
- Develop new networks and collaborations
- Play an important role in developing future leaders and experts in their field

Following a successful application, Mentors and Mentees will be hand-paired based on their responses for a one-year cycle.

How to apply

Applications are now closed and will re-open for 2020/2021 in June 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact alumni@cscuk.org.uk

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National nominating agencies

Antigua and Barbuda (Master's Scholarships only)

Director of Education Ministry of Education, Science and Technology Government Complex Queen Elizabeth Highway St John's Antigua and Barbuda Tel: +1 268 462 4959 Fax: +1 268 462 4970 www.ab.gov.ag

Bangladesh (Master's and PhD Scholarships)

Joint Secretary Ministry of Education Section 19 Building No 6 Bangladesh Secretariat Dhaka Bangladesh Tel: +880 2 9545032 Fax: +880 2 9514114 Email: ds_stp@moedu.gov.bd www.shed.gov.bd

Belize (Master's Scholarships only)

Administrative Officer Ministry of Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities Ground Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building Belmopan Belize Tel: +501 822 2204/05 Fax: +501 822 2206 Email: sec@mps.gov.bz
www.belize.gov.bz

Botswana (Master's Scholarships only)

Acting Chief Education Officer Department of Tertiary Education Financing Ministry of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology (*postal address*) Private Bag 0079 Gaborone Botswana (*physical address*) 37893 Universal Estate Block 6 Gaborone Botswana Tel: +267 3719314 Fax: +267 3191641 www.moe.gov.bw

Cameroon (Master's and PhD Scholarships)

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Dominica (Master's Scholarships only)

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Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK

The CSC's evaluation and monitoring (E&M) programme aims to:

- Monitor the experiences, satisfaction, and performance of Commonwealth Scholars and Fellows
- Identify and measure the outcomes and impact of Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships on individuals, institutions, and communities and societies
- Contribute to the CSC's learning processes and inform strategic and operational decision-making
- Strengthen accountability and communicate outcomes to award holders, funders, and other stakeholders

The E&M programme is coordinated by a team at the CSC Secretariat and overseen by the CSC's Evaluation and Monitoring Committee.

Approach



The CSC uses a variety of methods to gather evidence relating to the outcomes and impact of its eight scholarship schemes. In particular, we aim to track individual trajectories to determine personal award outcomes, as well as exploring the cumulative impact of awards on wider socioeconomic development.

Surveys

Each year we send out [surveys](#) to incoming Commonwealth Scholars and Fellows and alumni to gather information about their pre- and post-scholarship/fellowship careers. From alumni, we collect details on the knowledge and skills that they gained during their award, and their ability to apply these skills in the workplace after returning home. We also ask for details of their activities, and the impact they are having in key development sectors.

We are also interested in the experiences and views of other stakeholders and partners; we survey hosts, employers, and overseas nominating agencies. We also undertake ad hoc survey exercises.

Findings from these surveys are reported to the CSC's E&M Committee and the wider Commission, and are also [published](#) for wider dissemination.

Interviews and focus group discussions

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Home is an important part of our work, and we collect detailed qualitative data through [individual interviews](#) and focus group discussions. These activities enable us to gain an in-depth understanding of the successes of our alumni and the challenges that they face in their careers, as well as providing a wealth of rich information about wider outcomes and impact.

As with surveys, the E&M team has also initiated interviews and focus groups with hosts and supervisors, in order to better understand their experiences of the programme and to document its benefits to UK universities and host organisations.

Developing new tools and methods

Over the past ten years, the E&M programme has developed and refined its methods, building on an initial (essential) tracing and survey exercise. We have experimented with counterfactual approaches, aligned data collection tools across programmes to allow for future comparative review, and developed a new longitudinal survey methodology. Upcoming priorities include building on existing qualitative work, and developing new and improved means of publishing and disseminating our findings.

Scholarship evaluation: collaborating with others

The CSC is continually striving to improve its approach to scholarship evaluation. As well as attending relevant workshops, seminars, and other events within the evaluation and higher education sectors, the E&M team [works closely with external colleagues](#) in the UK and overseas to share experiences and knowledge wherever possible. In addition to our own [publications](#), we work with the Association of Commonwealth Universities to curate the '[Measuring Success?](#)' blog series, featuring contributions from colleagues throughout the sector discussing their experiences of analysing the outcomes of scholarships and of evidence-informed policymaking.

For more information

Contact the E&M team at evaluation@cscuk.org.uk

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Research studies conducted on the scholarships over time.



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[Building Bridges: The Commonwealth Split-Site Doctoral Scholarship Programme 1998-2018](#) (December 2019)

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[Trajectories and impact of UK Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Programme alumni: Interim quantitative analysis](#) (December 2014)

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[Review of the Commonwealth Professional Fellowship scheme 2008-2011](#) (May 2014)

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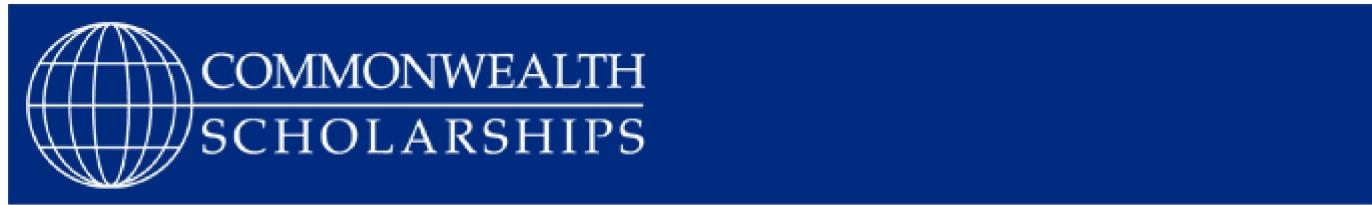


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Surveys

The CSC's evaluation and monitoring programme aims to identify and quantify the impact of Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships on individuals, on institutions, and on a wider scale on communities and societies. Much of our analysis is based on surveys we conduct with applicants, current Commonwealth Scholars and Fellows, and alumni.

This page features details of surveys that are currently open to be completed. If you are eligible to complete a survey, please click on the appropriate link and you will be directed to the survey login page. You should have already received an email invitation with login details.



If you think you are eligible to complete one of the surveys listed below but have not received any login information, please first check your junk/spam folder, and then contact the CSC Evaluation Team at evaluation@cscuk.org.uk

Thank you in advance for your participation. These survey exercises enable the CSC to stay in contact with award holders and also better inform policymaking.

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[2020 Distance Learners survey – for ongoing Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholars](#)



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UK universities

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